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FUNSTON FINDS CONDITION WORSE THAN HE EXPECTED

Delegation of Women Call on Him and Say They Have Lived in Terror Until Arrival of Troops at Goldfield—Martial Law.

WANT VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 14.—After having conferred with many citizens of Goldfield General Funston stated that he is finding conditions here worse than he had anticipated.

"The possibility of further trouble growing out of the difficulties between the mine owners and the miners," he said "are greater than my information previous to coming to Goldfield had led me to believe. I have just telegraphed a second report to Washington, which is based on the information I have gathered today. I do not believe the governor will declare martial law at once as no serious disturbances have occurred. I am satisfied with this, and shall not advise such action until it is absolutely necessary. As to patrolling the vicinity of the mines and the streets of the city with regulars, that is a procedure that may become necessary any hour."

Neither Funston nor Governor Sparks will yield to the pressure brought to induce them to favor the withdrawal of the troops before the arrival of the labor commission from Washington.

Tomorrow a delegation of women composed of members of the Women's club of Goldfield, will call on Funston and lay before him their side of the question, which will be that previous to the coming of the troops they lived in constant terror of believing that their homes might be destroyed and their lives endangered by deeds of violence and depredations of desperate strikers. They will ask that the troops be kept there until all danger of trouble is past.

Today there is a well authenticated rumor that a citizens' committee has been formed, ostensibly to act as volunteer fire and police department in the residence district, but which will be more in the nature of a vigilance committee of the early California days. Funston stated emphatically when questioned, that the troops here would endeavor to protect the Western Federation men if any attempt was made to deport them, just as they would protect men who might be set upon by strikers. The troops will try to prevent outrages or violence of any sort, no matter by whom committed, he said.

FATHER OR GOLD

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 14.—Hilda Mistosh ten years old, must choose between her father and \$50,000, the amount bequeathed by her grandmother with the stipulation that she must never communicate with her father if she accepts the money. Mistosh's wife, the girl's mother, died when the child was a year old. He remarried and this angered the grandmother. Mistosh seeks to persuade the child to live with him.

FOURTEEN MEN ENLISTED IN ARMY TO THIS DATE.

Capt. William L. Reed, of the Evansville district recruiting service, is in the city and has accepted Alonzo Walker, of Dover, Tenn., for general recruiting service of this district. Walker will assist Captain Blake in recruiting new men. Fred Clark, of Blanchard, Ill., was accepted for the field artillery. This month's enlistment for this district to date is 14 men, an average of a man each day. December will prove to be the best month for recruiting for the past year.

POSTMASTER WYMAN IS TO BE REAPPOINTED

Washington, Dec. 14.—Roosevelt announced today that Postmaster Wyman, of St. Louis, will be reappointed. Senator Warner and the St. Louis congressman have been fighting for his reappointment.

SWITCHMEN MAY STRIKE NOW IF THEY WISH TO.

Buffalo, Dec. 14.—Judge Haefel denied the motion of the Lackawanna railroad for a permanent injunction against the switchmen's union, to restrain them from striking. The men may now strike, if they desire, but the union's president says there won't be an immediate strike, although 90 per cent. of the men voted to go out.

Reducing Plant for City Garbage Will Produce Profit From Soap Fat and Fertilizer, It is Claimed.

Santa's Mail

Washington, Dec. 14.—The postoffice department today ordered postmasters to deliver letters addressed to "Santa Claus" to charitable organizations. Here tofore such letters always have been forwarded to the dead letter office.

QUIET AT HOPTOWN CAN'T UNDERSTAND ORDER FOR TROOPS

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Everything is quiet and there was no trouble during the night and no cause for more troops at present. The Bowling Green order is not understood.

Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Bowling Green troops of the state guard were ordered to be ready to move to Hopkinsville on short notice by Major Bassett's order.

Horse Cave, Ky., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The story of the battle on the street between night riders and citizens is false absolutely.

COAL FOR THE POOR

Bernheim Bros., of Louisville, the charitable former Paducahans, as usual have donated 1,200 bushels of coal for charity, and request that it be distributed through a charitable organization in not less than 10 bushel lots, giving preference to widows. The Charity club will distribute the coal.

LARGEST SAILING VESSEL IN WORLD TURNS TURTLE NEAR BRITISH ISLES

One Survivor of Seven Masted Schooner, Thomas Lawson, Picked Up With Three Corpses—Crew Gone.

London, Dec. 14.—The seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, the largest sailing vessel in the world, was lost early today off Sicily Islands.

PRISONER BROKE RECORD OF COURT SENTENCED SELF

All records for quick justice meted out at the present term of court were smashed today when Henry Rough, colored, who was arrested yesterday afternoon for stealing a bicycle from Glauber's livery stable, was presented in police court at 9 o'clock, held to the grand jury, indicted before noon and sentenced on his plea of guilty to three months in jail.

"What do you think would be about right?" asked the court when Rough pleaded guilty to the charge.

"Dunno, Judge, but guess about three months would do."

"Well, it there is no objection we will fix the sentence at three months," said the court, and Rough showed his white teeth in a grinning approval of the proceedings.

Joe Stanley, who was held over yesterday for stealing a pistol from Ike Cohen, also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in jail.

The grand jury returned indictments against Buster Brown, James Tucker and Mose Vaughan for attempting to rob Herbert Blackburn, a steamboat watchman. The trio pleaded guilty and the trial of the case was set for Monday.

The court extended the time of the grand jury up to and including Wednesday, December 18.

Monday the petit jury will be called again and several cases disposed of.

Representatives United States Construction and Utilization Company Explaining Plans to City Fathers Today.

Plans for a reducing plant for the city, in which to convert garbage into fertilizer and soap fats, were explained this morning to Mayor Yeiser, Mayor-elect James P. Smith and a number of councilmen and aldermen, by M. F. VanBuskirk, president of the United States Construction and Utilization company, of Rochester, N. Y., and the engineer, F. G. Wiseloge.

The concern proposes to erect a concrete building fully equipped on the single unit plan and turn it over to the city under a guaranty for \$30,000, not including the cost of the ground; or to erect the plant and operate it themselves, charging the city \$3,500 the year for disposing of garbage delivered at the plant.

The plant has a capacity of 10,000 tons a day, if run only in the day time. The fertilizer brings an average of \$14 a ton, and the soap fat commands a ready market. Hides of dead animals also are sold from the plant.

They claim for the plant that it is absolutely sanitary, emits no foul odors and can be operated at a profit. At present Paducah's dry garbage is thrown into the river, and a great deal of trouble from back water and eddies, containing the refuse, is experienced.

The demonstrators of the concern say that incinerating plants, such as Louisville discarded, emit bad odors and are not satisfactory. This plant was successfully operated at Jacksonville, Fla., and one of the same type is now in use at Vincennes, Ind.

Those present at the meeting this morning besides the mayor and the mayor-elect, were: Aldermen Miller, Stewart, Chamblin and Hank, and Aldermen-elect Sherrill and Oehl-schlaeger and Councilmen Wilson and VanMeter, and Councilmen-elect Al Young.

to the southwest English coast. One survivor and three corpses were picked up. Captain Dow and the rest of the crew undoubtedly perished. They refused to leave her when she first went on the rocks. The vessel was chartered to the Standard Oil company and carried a large crew. Life boats offered assistance during the night, but aid was refused. This morning the ship was seen floating bottom upwards.

Three corpses and one survivor, who may die, were found on the island.

FINING REPORTERS

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 14. (Special.)—Franklin is still ill and the Powers trial is postponed. Judge Morris fined R. Lee Davis \$20 for sending out a story to a Lexington paper, reflecting on the guards of Yontsey and Howard. Another correspondent also been tried for contempt and dismissed.

Grain Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 14. — Wheat, 99; corn, 53; oats, 54 1/2.

THE WEATHER.



Rain or snow tonight and probably Sunday; slightly colder tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 45; lowest today, 38.

TOM B. MCGREGOR PROMISING YOUNG MAN OF PURCHASE



TOM B. MCGREGOR.

Friends of Benton Attorney Expect Great Things of Him as Assistant Attorney General of State.

Western Kentucky has been significantly honored in the recent election. Governor Willson was the choice of the first district, and Capt. Edwin Farley, of Paducah, was elected treasurer, and the first district's choice, Hon. James Breathitt, was chosen attorney general.

In the list of appointments also the west end of the state has fared better than it ever does under Democratic rule. George O. McBroom, of Paducah, David Redden, of Murray; O. C. Cloy, of Mayfield, and Tom B. McGregor, of Benton, have all been appointed to good offices.

One of the most promising young men of this section elevated to state office is Tom B. McGregor, of Benton, the young attorney, who cut the enormous Democratic majority in the Marshall-Lyon legislative district down almost to nothing. He is comes assistant attorney general, and his friends expect him to make a fine record.

Mr. McGregor was reared on a farm near Fristoe and attended Marshall county public schools until he was 18 years old. Then he taught school and in the intervals attended Marshall county seminary, at Benton, and the Southern Normal school at Bowling Green. He graduated with class honors in law at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. He was admitted to the bar in 1902 and has practiced law at Benton since. His wife, whom he married in 1906, was Miss Nellie Palmer, of Benton, a niece of L. L. Palmer, of the Bank of Benton.

FIREMAN NEARLY DROWNED IN DEEP PIT LAST NIGHT

While going through the yards to the Illinois Central round house early this morning, Fireman Henry Petter, who was to go out on an early train, lost his way in the darkness and walked into the deep elnder pit, which was filled with water as a result of the heavy rains last night. Luckily the night force of the round house was preparing to go off duty, and hearing him floundering around in the water went to Mr. Petter's assistance and he was rescued without any serious consequences, though he lost his gloves, hat, overcoat and umbrella, which he let go in his efforts to save himself.

Mr. Petter returned to his home at 355 Elizabeth street for a change of dry clothing and left at 9 o'clock on an extra freight train, another fireman having been secured for his regular run between Paducah and Princeton.

ROBBERS ATTACK TRAIN AND DYNAMITE COACHES.

Tiffin, Trans-Caucasus, Dec. 14.—Sixty robbers ditched the Tiffin-Paku mail train near Salaklu last night and threw eight bombs among the passengers, and opened fire with revolvers. Train guards returned the volley, and after a hot fight drove the outlaws off. Many passengers were wounded. Troops are pursuing the robbers.

SEVEN MEN ARE DROWNED WHEN CUTTER CAPSIZES.

Sheerness, Eng., Dec. 14.—A naval cutter was capsized in this harbor today by a gale and seven men were drowned.

It Required Forty-Five Minutes To Put Council Slate Through As Indicated in The Sun Yesterday.

Democrats Took Republicans into Camp, in Spite of Majority of Two on Joint Ballot—Stewart's Joke.

"I think, gentlemen, we haven't overlooked any offices," said President Earl Palmer, of the board of aldermen, with something like satisfaction, as he entertained a motion to adjourn the joint session of the general council last night.

"No, I think you haven't overlooked your hand anywhere," was Alderman Stewart's quick rejoinder. It was two minutes before order was restored, and then President Palmer, whose face was slightly suffused, remarked: "I think the gentleman intends to be complimentary," and it was over.

It took just 45 minutes to put through the slate, exactly as forecast in The Sun last evening.

The Democrats took the Republican majority into camp and captured three out of seven offices. Only once was there a chance of the slate getting damaged, and that was through Stewart's amendment to Hubbard's motion to elect sanitary officers one at a time. The slate was John Gaither, Democrat, brother-in-law to Councilman Wilson; and R. B. Barnett, Republican, brother to Councilman R. L. Barnett.

Alderman Stewart's amendment was to nominate all the candidates and vote on them at once, the two highest being declared elected. It would have spoiled matters. If the whole coalition voted for either Gaither or Barnett the other was sure to be beaten; and if they divided their votes, both would be beaten.

However, the coalition was fortunate in that President Palmer's name was called first. He was bell weather of the combination and they all voted with him against Stewart's amendment.

Then they proceeded to vote, the man getting the highest being elected, and a second vote being taken on all the others, the highest winning as before. With a nice sense of propriety President Palmer voted for the Democrat first, and Gaither got all the 12 votes. Next time around President Palmer voted for Mr. Barnett and he got the combine vote and the Republicans, too.

Otherwise it was easy. After waiting some 15 minutes for Councilman Van Meter, Mayor Yeiser read the call and said: "Play Ball!"

President Palmer took the chair, and President Lindsey, of the board of councilmen, caught his cue like a veteran actor. He moved to go into the election of city physician.

Alderman Hubbard nominated Dr. Harry Williamson, and Alderman Stewart nominated Dr. L. L. Smith. Dr. Williamson got all the votes except those of Aldermen Stewart and Hannan.

Weilles Sent Gov. Willson a Hat

When James Weille, of B. Weille & Son, heard the remark Governor Willson made "inauguration day he sent a hat to him at once. What the

FATHER IS CITED TO PROVIDE FOR WIFE AND FAMILY

County Judge Lightfoot has issued a summons for Tom Prewitt, a ship carpenter employed by the Ayer-Lord company, to appear before the county court and show cause why he should not be made to assist in the support of his two infant children. Prewitt, it is charged, deserted his family and is living in Mechanicsburg, and although he makes a good salary, does not help in the support of his children, who live with their mother on Campbell street.

Jap Toner, secretary of the Charity club, was notified of the condition of Mrs. Prewitt and her children by an appeal from the mother for assistance in securing employment to make a livelihood for herself and children.

An investigation proved that she was deserving and honest and positions were secured for her on two occasions, but the mother is not physically able to care for herself and children. The matter was reported to the county judge.

THE ELECT.	
License Inspector—	Bob Hicks (Dem.)
Sewer Inspector—	A. Franke, (Dem.)
Sanitary Inspectors —	John Gaither (Dem.); T. Barnett (Rep.)
City Physician—	Dr. Harry Williamson (Rep.)
City Weigher—	Frank Dunn (Rep.)
Market Master—	C. E. Bell (Rep.)
Supt. Light Plant—	J. D. Keebler.
Wharfmaster—	Frank L. Brown.

President Lindsey then moved to go into the election of license inspector, and Councilman Lackey nominated Bob Hicks; Alderman Hannan nominated Stewart Dick, and Alderman Hank nominated George Lehnhard.

Alderman Hannan alone voted for Stewart Dick. Aldermen Hank, Miller and Stewart, and Councilmen Duvall, Herzog, Ford, Meyers, Van Meter voted for Lehnhard.

Aldermen Palmer, Hubbard, Chamblin and Baker, and Councilmen Lindsey, Grandell, Flournoy, Foreman, Lackey, Williamson and Wilson voted for Hicks.

J. O. Keebler was elected superintendent of the lighting plant over Harry Wallace.

For marketmaster Alderman Hubbard nominated C. E. Bell, and Alderman Hannan nominated Frank Smedley, who received Mr. Hannan's lone vote, and Mr. Bell was elected.

For city weigher Alderman Hubbard nominated Frank Dunn, and Alderman Stewart nominated W. G. Whitfield. Mr. Whitfield received two votes, Mr. Dunn received 18, and was elected.

When Alderman Hubbard nominated A. Franke for sewer inspector, Alderman Stewart was on his heels with the same nomination, and reproved Alderman Hubbard for his precipitancy. Alderman Hank nominated A. Bundesman, and everybody voted for Franke.

Alderman Hubbard again bent Alderman Stewart to his feet nominating Frank L. Brown for wharfmaster. But not to be cut out of a little of the glory, Alderman Stewart with exaggerated formality proposed that the nominations be closed and Mr. Brown be nominated "unanimously and by acclamation."

When his motion carried, Alderman Stewart turned to Alderman Hubbard and said: "There, I won that time."

Then came sanitary inspector. The following were nominated: John L. Gaither, R. B. Barnett, R. R. Treadway, William Thompson, R. E. Lax and Mr. Skipworth.

When James Weille, of B. Weille & Son, heard the remark Governor Willson made "inauguration day he sent a hat to him at once. What the

governor said was: "I expected to wear that Weille hat in the inaugural parade," and this is how it all came about. Mr. James Weille is something of a jokesmith in a quiet way Governor Willson, when he spoke in Paducah, was taken in tow by local Republicans and "introduced around" Weille's store was one of those visited and Mr. Willson was introduced to Mr. Charles Weille. He was very cordial and polite, and insisted on the candidate for governor meeting "Brother James, back at the desk."

Brother James just glanced up from a column of figures when he was disturbed at his calculations by these words: "Brother James, are you acquainted with Mr. Willson?" "Sure I am," was the surprising declaration of the man behind the book, and he grasped the outstretched hand of the governor of the state with astonishing cordiality. "Sure I am. I've got him on our books." He was surprised in turn to learn who the caller was, and said: "Well, it's a hat on me." The governor's size was noted, but the incident was forgotten until Mr. Weille was reminded on the return of the Paducah crowd from Frankfort.

STREET CAR SIGNS

Transparent signs have been placed on the front and the side of Broadway and park cars. These will be lit up at night. "This is the beginning of the proper night illumination on street cars," said Mr. Bleecker.

FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH PAID FOR TOBACCO

Deliveries in Paducah in Two Weeks Approximate 800,000 Pounds, and \$75,000 Have Been Paid Planters by Local Buyers.

IS LEADING THIS DISTRICT

Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in cash has been paid in this city for tobacco delivered in the last two weeks, and deliveries have brought in cash, checks and notes approximately \$75,000. The price here has averaged about \$9.50 the hundred for two weeks, making deliveries approximate between 800,000 and 900,000 pounds.

The receipts in the local market of loose tobacco have come up to expectations. The trade excels that of last year, buyers state, and conditions elsewhere militate to the advantage of the local market. Paducah is the safest place and is perfectly protected, and there is absolutely no friction of any kind.

Actual cash receipts here exceed those of any other market in the western district and Paducah is fast forging ahead as a tobacco center.

Elsewhere than Paducah in the western district, it is said, the presence of cash offers, is causing a little jealousy among buyers, but the association men have nothing to say, being satisfied with control of the big end of the crop, which they are holding for their price and being willing for independent planters to dispose of their products as they please. The buyers with cash, of course, are getting the bulk of the tobacco. There is more money offered in Paducah and this is attracting planters for miles around.

ALMOST GOLDEN WEDDING BEFORE DIVORCE SOUGHT

After having lived with her husband for nearly 50 years and reared a family of seven children, Mrs. Mary Ann Sheron filed divorce proceedings in circuit court today against J. C. Sheron, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment, immorality, drunkenness and wasting of his estate. The couple were married November 22, 1863, in Chesterham county, Tenn., but removed to this county many years ago and settled on a farm on the Bandana and Paducah road. By persistent effort they saved \$15,000. About two years ago they separated as man and wife, though continuing to live in the same house in different rooms. Recently the wife says, she was forced by her husband to sign a deed to the home place. After the place was sold she was left without a home and has been forced to earn her own living by raising vegetables and disposing of them at the Paducah market.

In addition to absolute divorce and alimony of \$10,000 the wife asks that she be given the custody of her 14-year-old son, Jesse Owen Sheron, whom, it is alleged, the husband drove away from home. Besides a fine farm on the Hinkle-ville road Sheron owns some fine property at Bandana. County Judge R. T. Lightfoot filed the petition for Mrs. Sheron.

THE SUN CLEARS UP A MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY.

When Tyler White, a bartender at John Elrod's saloon on Second street read in The Sun yesterday of the supposed mysterious robbery of his friend Willy Arrington, of Blandville, he cleared up the mystery in a jiffy. Arrington and White are friends, having been reared in the same neighborhood. Thursday evening Arrington went into Elrod's saloon and gave his money to his friend to keep. He forgot all about being in Elrod's saloon and next morning when he awoke in the apartment above Gott's saloon on Fourth street he missed his money and check and reported to the proprietor that he had been robbed.

Two More Suits Entered.

Two more suits as the result of the collision of a street car and a farm wagon driven by Elmer Faith at Third and Washington streets several weeks ago, were filed yesterday. Jesse Barnett and Martin Faith, who were in the wagon use the traction company for \$250 and \$350, respectively.